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THURSDAY IS NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS DAY

*Coalition representatives will host six community-wide educational events
as part of National Methamphetamine Awareness Day*

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge Joseph M. Arabit announced the creation of a local coalition to take part in a national campaign on Thursday, November 30, 2006, to increase awareness of the dangers of methamphetamine.

Today, President George W. Bush proclaimed Thursday, November 30, 2006, as National Methamphetamine Awareness Day. Education and public outreach are at the heart of the national drug control strategy, and National Methamphetamine Awareness Day will play an important role in highlighting the nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand of this highly addictive and dangerous drug.

As part of National Methamphetamine Awareness Day, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales will host a national event with federal, state, local and community leaders to discuss the broader impact that meth production and use is having on our communities. In San Antonio, coalition agencies—U.S. Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Department, National Guard, San Antonio Fighting Back, Inc., San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the UTSA Alcohol and Drug Task Force—will conduct six educational presentations for area students and residents. The times and locations for the events are:

10:30am-11:30am

St. Phillip's College

Heritage Room

1801 Martin Luther King Drive

AND

Reagan High School

Cafeteria

19000 Ronald Reagan Street

3:00pm-4:00pm

UTSA Downtown Campus

Buena Vista Theater

501 West Durango Blvd.

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Harlandale Middle School

Auditorium

300 West Huff Avenue

7:00pm - 8:00 pm

UTSA

Chisholm Hall Activity Center

6960 North Loop 1604

AND

Reagan High School

Cafeteria

19000 Ronald Reagan Street

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As part of our ongoing effort to combat meth use, the Department of Justice created a model methamphetamine educational presentation that is available to the public to be used by law enforcement, community groups and local leaders in addressing meth use in their communities. The educational presentation is posted on the Department's new meth Awareness Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/methawareness>.

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